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To: Judicial Branch, Law Enforcement & Justice Subcommittee

RE: Senate Bill 158

The Flathead County Board of Commissioners is in support of Senate Bill 158, which increases the number of District Court Judges for certain Montana counties.

During the last several years the number of cases in District Court has increased dramatically, especially in this part of the state due to the population shift. Senate Bill 158 addresses the concerns of the population shift which would greatly benefit the citizens of Flathead County and others across the state. We believe it would relieve some of the delays in our justice system and provide additional time for our Judges to better serve our constituents.

We urge your support in passing Senate Bill 158.

Respectfully,

FLATHEAD COUNTY

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